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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING, SAFE AND SECURE IN-PERSON VOTING, VOTER REGISTRATION AND CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES REGARDING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION."

1 Strike sections 502 to 505, inclusive, of Senate Amendment Schedule
2 "A" in their entirety and renumber the remaining sections and internal
3 references accordingly

4 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
5 internal references accordingly:

6 "Sec. 501. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
7 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8 (a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of
9 this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election,
10 as defined in section 9-1, is held.

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
12 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
13 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
14 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
15 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
16 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day
17 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
18 section.

19 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
20 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
21 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to
22 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
23 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the
24 State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written
25 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall (i) include
26 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated
27 with such location, (ii) list the name and address of each election official
28 appointed to serve at such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description
29 of the design of such location and a plan for effective completion and
30 processing of such applications. The Secretary shall approve or
31 disapprove such written certification not later than fifteen days before
32 election day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or
33 more additional election officials or alter such design or plan.

34 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
35 later than sixty days before election day, in a form and manner
36 prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any additional location for the
37 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
38 election day. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
39 application not later than forty-five days before election day. If the
40 Secretary approves such application, the registrars of voters may so
41 designate any such additional location. The provisions of subdivision
42 (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional location.

43 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official

44 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, [if any,]
45 including official checkers, any of the responsibilities assigned to the
46 registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise each such
47 election official and train each such election official to be an election day
48 registration election official. Nothing in this subsection shall be
49 construed to prohibit any unofficial checker or challenger from being
50 present at any location designated for the completion and processing of
51 election day registration applications on election day.

52 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
53 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
54 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
55 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than
56 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, at
57 the location designated by the registrars of voters for election day
58 registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution
59 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card
60 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section
61 9-20, [and] (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
62 has not previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be
63 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the
64 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
65 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
66 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
67 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
68 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
69 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
70 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
71 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or
72 fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
73 current address.

74 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
75 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
76 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
77 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

78 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
79 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
80 an elector and proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection
81 (f) of this section, and the privileges of an elector shall attach
82 immediately.

83 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
84 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
85 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
86 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
87 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
88 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
89 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
90 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
91 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from
92 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall
93 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"
94 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

95 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
96 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
97 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
98 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
99 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
100 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
101 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
102 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
103 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
104 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
105 review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot be made, such
106 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
107 which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

108 (B) If [there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
109 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
110 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector] it

111 is reported that such applicant did not already vote in such other
112 municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the
113 applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
114 proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this
115 section, and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

116 (C) If, at the time the applicant is appearing in person at the location
117 designated for election day registration, there is no report under
118 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, the registrars of voters of
119 the municipality in which such applicant seeks to register shall note the
120 absence of any such report and proceed in accordance with subdivision
121 (2) of subsection (f) of this section without admitting such applicant at
122 such time.

123 (f) [If the applicant is admitted] (1) Upon admission of the applicant
124 as an elector pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section
125 or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of said subsection, the registrars
126 of voters shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot
127 and election day registration envelope and [shall] make a record of such
128 issuance.

129 (2) For any applicant described in subparagraph (C) of subdivision
130 (2) of subsection (e) of this section, the registrar of voters shall provide
131 such applicant with an election day registration ballot and election day
132 registration envelope and make a record of such issuance, provided, if
133 before the time at which counting of election day registration ballots
134 begins, there is (A) a report under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision
135 for such applicant, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
136 an elector, the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately and such
137 elector's election day registration ballot shall be counted, and (B) no
138 report under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision for such applicant,
139 such applicant shall not be admitted as an elector and such applicant's
140 election day registration ballot shall not be counted.

141 (3) The elector or applicant, as applicable, shall complete an
142 affirmation imprinted upon the back of the envelope for an election day

143 registration ballot and shall declare under oath that [the applicant] he or
144 she has not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall be in
145 the form substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

146 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
147 of false statement, (perjury) that:

148 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

149 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
150 indicated.

151 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
152 complete.

153 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.

154 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
155 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
156 such prior registration.

157 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
158 otherwise than by this ballot at this election.

159 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
160 and received an election day registration ballot.

161 (Signature of voter)

162 (g) The elector or applicant, as applicable, shall forthwith mark the
163 election day registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters
164 in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall not know how the
165 election day registration ballot is marked. The elector or applicant shall
166 place the election day registration ballot in the election day registration
167 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
168 election day registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time
169 designated by the registrars of voters and noticed to election officials,
170 the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle containing the

171 election day registration ballots to the central location or polling place,
172 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are
173 counted and, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2)
174 of subsection (f) of this section, such election day registration ballots
175 shall be counted by the election officials present at such central location
176 or polling place. A section of the head moderator's return shall show the
177 number of election day registration ballots received from electors. The
178 registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for election day
179 registration ballots in a depository envelope with the election day
180 registration ballots and store such election day registration depository
181 envelope with the other election results materials. The election day
182 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of
183 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for
184 elections.

185 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning
186 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee
187 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and
188 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to (i),
189 inclusive, of this section.

190 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
191 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
192 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an
193 elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
194 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with
195 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
196 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned
197 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
198 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the
199 May first deadline in section 9-35.

200 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
201 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of persons
202 applying for election day registration as described in subsection (d) of
203 this section, (II) the number of such persons not permitted to register in

204 accordance with subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e)
205 of this section, (III) the number of registration confirmation notices sent
206 to admitted applicants, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
207 that were returned undelivered, and (IV) the number of such admitted
208 applicants that were subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as
209 a result of such notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with
210 subdivision (1) of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such
211 report to the Secretary of the State.

212 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after election day, the
213 Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted to the
214 Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into one single
215 report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing committee
216 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
217 elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State Elections
218 Enforcement Commission.

219 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
220 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
221 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such applicant
222 was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision
223 (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information
224 resulting in such determination to the State Elections Enforcement
225 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

226 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy
227 of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in opposition to any
228 question being submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any
229 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius
230 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any
231 location designated by the registrars of voters for election day
232 registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach
233 leading from any such outside entrance to any such location or in any
234 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

235 (k) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which

236 registrars of voters and other election officials serving at designated
237 election day registration locations shall confirm that persons applying
238 to register on election day under this section, which persons are
239 registered to vote in any other state, have not already voted in such other
240 state on such election day. For any such person, such registrars or
241 election officials shall provide to such person a provisional ballot until
242 such process has been developed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j